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CONFERENCE AFTERMATH.
STRESEMANN'S FIGHTING SPEECH.
NATIONALIST ATTITUDE CRITICISED.
CHEERS AND HISSES.
(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, August 24.
Herr Stresemann, the German Premier, in a fighting speech in the Reichstag, strongly criticised the attitude of the Nationalists.
He declared, regarding the forthcoming Franco-German commercial negotiations, that no secret agreement existed.
The evacuation of Offenburg and Appenweier constituted a great success for the German delegation, and vouched for M. Herriot's character.
Herr Stresemann said he was of the belief that London was not the final goal, but might prove the beginning of a movement resulting in the collaboration of all nations.
The speech was received with loud cheers by the Socialists and Centre Party, with hisses by the Communists and extreme Nationalists.
The Reichstag was adjourned until Monday.



DEBATE IN FRENCH CHAMBER.
PARIS, August 23.
In the debate in the Chamber, the Socialist Blum opined that the Conference marked the condemnation of the occupation of the Ruhr and the bankruptcy of Poincarism. He declared that the Premier had brought back peace with honour.
M. Briand thought the real danger lay in the cessation of the control of armaments of Germany. He regarded the renewal of contact with the German man as a guarantee of peace, whereon he congratulated M. Herriot.
General Nollet, replying to a Deputy who feared the possibility of evacuation of the Rhineland, said control of the Essen factories would continue after the evacuation of the Ruhr and would only be abandoned after the Control Commissions had surrendered their powers. The sitting was adjourned at 2.25 in the morning for a few hours only.

BRITISH ATTITUDE.
On the resumption of the debate, M. Herriot, intervening, asked the Chamber to take into account the attitude of Britain, which was largely opposed to the execution of the Dawes plan owing to the fear of unemployment. Replying to a Deputy later, M. Herriot said it was not exact to say the French Government had undertaken to communicate to the British Government all the details of the Franco-German commercial negotiations. M. Herriot explained the principles of such commercial agreement agreed to in London, and he so informed the British Government.
General Nollet remarked that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had undertaken, if Germany by a certain time had not satisfied the Commission of Control under the Dawes scheme, that Britain would join France and the Allies in compelling Germany to carry out the Treaty of Versailles.
M. Herriot said a Germano-Allied agreement was indispensable to avoid an economic conflict.
The sitting was adjourned.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.
PARIS, August 24.
The Chamber of Deputies, after a nightlong session, passed a vote of confidence in the Government by a vote of 336 to 204, and then adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.
The motion of confidence in the Government passed by the Chamber congratulated the Government for securing the recognition of the principle of arbitration in the London Agreement, thereby enabling the negotiators to arrive at practical and peaceful solutions of the reparations problem in the wide spirit of international co-operation and concord, and trusting it to pursue, in the course of the coming conference of inter-Allied debts, and also at the League of Nations, the work of justice and peace which must assure simultaneously the security of France and the restoration of Europe.

IN THE REICHSTAG.
BERLIN, August 23.
Herr Marx in the Reichstag to-day read a statement on the London Conference which the uproar prevented him delivering yesterday, the Communist Deputy Schwarz who was the main cause of the disturbance, having been excluded. The Chancellor was frequently interrupted by ironical laughter from the Nationalists.
M. Marx paid a tribute to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's impartiality in London. The decisions of the Conference would undoubtedly seriously burden Germany, but indicated marked progress compared with the present state of affairs. The Government did not consider the settlement final, but would do their utmost to effect a speedy evacuation of the Ruhr and other sanction areas. He concluded that the Reichstag was confronted with a terrible responsibility. Its decision would be a blessing or a curse to Germany.
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"MA" MIRIAM FERGUSON.
PROBABLE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.
SUPPORTERS CLAIM VICTORY.
NO EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION.
(Reuter's American Service.)

DALLAS, TEX., August 24.
The primary election in Texas, to elect a Governor of the State, appears to have resulted in a large majority for Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, known as "Ma."
Mrs. Ferguson is an anti-Ku Klux Klan candidate. Though many districts have not yet reported, her supporters claim she has won by 75,000 to 100,000 over her principal opponent, Judge Robertson, who is believed to be pro-Ku Klux Klan. Both Mrs. Ferguson and Judge Robertson are Democrats; and, in this Democratic stronghold, success in the Primary is regarded as tantamount to election as no effective Republican opposition is expected in the final balloting.

LOCATELLI STILL MISSING.
AMERICANS REACH IVIGTUT.
SEARCH FOR ITALIAN CONTINUES.
(Reuter's Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 23.
The Air Service Department announces that the American world-fliers, Lieutenants Lowell Smith and Nelson, have arrived at Ivigtut on the South-West coast of Greenland, after a flight of 24 hours.
A New York message states that the Commander of the U.S.N. cruiser "Milwaukee" reports that the search for Lieutenant Locatelli has proved fruitless.
Earlier cables regarding the fate of the Italian aviator are: Washington, August 24.—American aviators in Greenland believe that Locatelli on his trip from Iceland failed to penetrate the fog and did not pass Cape Farewell. The search is being continued, including a flight to Ivigtut as soon as the fog permits.

ADMIRAL'S VIEWS.
Another reads: New York, 22.—While three American cruisers are cautiously beating the coast off the ice rim near Cape Farewell for Locatelli, two messages from Admiral Magruder indicate the possibility of Locatelli having landed in an isolated Greenland fjord. Admiral Magruder declares his intention of remaining as long as there is the slightest hope of finding Locatelli, and has summoned the tanker to replenish the oil fuel of the cruisers.
Lieutenant Marescalchi, who made the preliminary arrangements for Locatelli at Iceland, is suffering tortures of suspense and says if the aeroplane is forced to alight at sea, the fliers are safe as the machine is seaworthy being of all metal construction, and supplied with food and water for from six to ten days. Marescalchi believed that two pilots and two mechanics were aboard and says the chief danger is that the aviators may have crashed in the mountain fog or have been wrecked on the ice if forced down in rough water.
Later—Lieutenant Smith reports that an aeroplane was heard by the inhabitants of Greenland after the second American machine had landed. Esquimaux are searching for Locatelli. The cruisers "Richmond" and "Raleigh" and the Danish steamer "Island Falk" continue cruising, using search-lights at night and smoke clouds in the day time as a guide to Locatelli.

HOLLAND'S NAVY.
NEW DESTROYERS PLANNED.
YARROW DESIGNS ACCEPTED.
(Reuter's Service.)

THE HAGUE, August 24.
It is understood that the Ministry of Marine has decided to build two new destroyers.
The work will be carried out in Dutch yards, but in view of Dutch shipbuilders' inexperience in this sort of construction, the Government has asked foreign firms to tender designs. The choice fell on the designs of a British firm at Yarrow. This company, in conjunction with the Ministry of Marine, will supervise the building.

OLYMPIC GAMES.
PROFIT OF TWO MILLION FRANCS.
(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, August 24.
According to the newspapers, after meeting all expenses, including Frs. 4,000,000 to the Racing Club de France, for the construction of the stadium, the Olympic games show a profit of about Frs. 5,000,000 without account to the Government's guarantee.
It is understood that the money will be used to improve the Colombes stadium.
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MYSTERY MEDALS.At a recent presentation of
medals and certificates to members
of the London Fire Brigade,
attention was drawn to what may
not inappropiately be termed the fireman's
V.C., the silver medal awarded for
extreme bravery in saving life, or
attempting to save it, in cases of
fire.At the present time only a dozen
men hold the medal, which is
invested with so much mystery that
its recipients do not know that it
has been awarded them until the
time of the actual presentation.One of the last of these medals
to be awarded was won during a
Zeppelin raid on London. A bomb
exploded in Red Lion Square, and
in the fire that followed a fireman
saved eighteen lives at the sacrifice
of his own, the medal in this
instance being a posthumous award.An ELECTRIFIED LADDER.
Equally little known is the
Carnegie Gold Medal for Courage,
which has been given to only
eighteen people. Endowed by the
late Andrew Carnegie, the medal is
bestowed on persons whose bravery
is considered by the Carnegie Hero
Fund Commission to have
constituted heroism of the very
highest order. Many of its holders
have earned it without realizing
the slightest degree that they were
qualifying for this award. Here is
a typical example:—A fireman was perched on the
top of a tall scaling ladder when
it touched some high-power
electric cables over a burning building.
On attempting to descend the fireman
found that his foot had become
fixed on one of the rungs of the
ladder.For some minutes he fought
fiercely to free himself; then the
fumes from the fire overcame him,
and slowly but surely he sank
backwards. Two other firemen
went to his rescue, but were forced
to descend owing to the strength
of the current with which the steel
frame had become charged.THRILLING BRAVERY.
At this juncture an architect
named McNeir, seeing the fireman's
plight, volunteered to go up
and rescue him. Avoiding contact
with the metal part of the ladder,
McNeir reached the helpless man,
after himself being singed by the
flames. Taking out his pocket
knife, he sought to cut off the man's
foot, but received a shock through
the knife that not only sent him
reeling backwards off the ladder,
but released the fireman's foot by
its force. The brave rescuer was
badly hurt, but survived to receive
the coveted Carnegie Medal.Another decoration that is seldom
heard of is the Edward Medal,
founded sixteen years ago to reward
acts of courage in saving life in
mines.AN UNDERGROUND INFERNO.
A typical example of the courage
that earns this medal was afforded
by a worker at Hoyland Silkstone
Colliery. A gifter fell into a boiler
in an underground engine house,
releasing tremendous volumes of
steam and plunging the place in
darkness. In this inferno Francis
Chandler, although badly scalded,
crawled to and fro, cheering his
comrades until they were rescued,
largely through his courage in
making his way to the shaft.The Stanhope Gold Medal is a
decoration given to the man who is
judged to have performed the most
valorous act of the year, the recipient
being chosen from those
who have been awarded one of the
medals of the Shipwrecked Fishermen
and Mariners' Royal Benevolent
Society. Other medals of a
similar character are the Lifeboat
Gold Medal, holders of which were
recently received by the King, the
Albert Medal, the medals of the
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triumphantly. And if he left off
dreaming and awoke to find the
empty, what do you suppose he'd do?
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If that there King was to wake and find
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'Had go out—bang—just like a
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Secretary to the Admiralty, at
Nottingham. "The admirals tell
me not to remove it because it is a
mascot."

Jacobite Relic.

Miss Alison H. Scott Bell, of
West Wairford, Heils, has
bequeathed a very interesting
exhibit to Montrose Museum. It
is the glass from which James
Frederick Stuart, the Old
Pretender (called by his adherents
James VIII. of Scotland) drank
from in Montrose before taking ship
on his flight from the port to
France in December, 1715. Scott
of Heddervick, it is understood,
went away with the Pretender, to
act as his secretary, and the glass
has remained a treasured relic in
possession of the descendants of
the Scott family ever since. The
donor is the great-great-great-
daughter of the secretary.

The Duke of York.

The welcome given by Ulster
people to the Duke and Duchess
of York, who visited Belfast, was,
in the words of the Duke, "a mag-
nificent testimony of allegiance."
After the degree of Doctor of Laws
had been conferred upon the Duke
and Duchess, the Duke of York
unveiled a memorial to 221 "Scotts
of the university" who were killed
in the war. At the Ulster Hall the
visitors received 84 addresses of
welcome and loyalty from the
churches of the province and from
public and private bodies. In his
reply, the Duke of York said that
the Duchess and himself were
determined to make their present
visit to Northern Ireland the fore-
runner of others—a promise which
was greeted by the assembly with
cheering cheers.

Crime Mysteries.

The secret life of Mahon will
probably never be fully known, but
the police have unearthed some
strange facts concerning his dual
existence at Sunbury and Rich-
mond. He was a real "pal" and
"good sport" in the estimation of
many, while his skill as a footballer
and interest in the game endeared
him to many. Underneath all this
was his mysterious existence as a
pursuer of women and a "power"
who loved to adventure into the
West End night to seek adventures.
He had the skill of the true
"serpent man" in attaching him-
self to certain women, and could
play upon their affections with
amazing success. By this means
he was always well supplied with
money for his continued to foot
them of as much as they could
yield. He was well known in
some of the "first" night clubs and
had a reputation as a dancer. In
the underworld he used several
names; he never called himself
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referred to a statement by the
Master-General of the Ordnance
with reference to the service rifle.
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its worth during the late war," the
speaker read from the statement,
"and is capable of putting up a
fine performance in the hands of a
well-trained man, we are still
engaged in trying to improve that
rifle, and fresh patterns with a
heavier barrel and aperture sight
are being developed. We are
trying other types of action to see
whether they are superior to the
Lee-Enfield action. The problem
of satisfactory military self-
loading rifle has not yet been
solved, but investigations are still
going on. Very long trials have
been made and are still continuing
with various patterns of light
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could rheumatism be expelled, and that
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restored health and freedom from
suffering.

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invigorates the new life, and gives
your system for them or send for the
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The Lethal Chamber.

We live in an era when drastic
suggestions are made, and when
propositions which a few genera-
tions ago would never have been
ventured in a whisper are openly
advanced and shouted from the
house-tops. The latest of these is
that men and women suffering from
an incurable disease, deformed,
paralyzed, or living in continual
pain should have the right and the
facilities for putting an end to
their existence without being
categorized as suicides. The sur-
vival of the fittest fanatics
earnestly support the plan, as they
do another too horrible to discuss,
even if it is cautiously alluded to
in society under the cloak of debat-
able science.

The Simple Life.

If reports are correct—whilest
still discussing such mundane
things as breakfast and victuals—the
members of the present Cabinet,
their wives and offspring, are
collectively spending less on nour-
ishment than any Cabinet that has
officiated during the last couple of
centuries. This is not to say that
starvation is being risked, but
merely indicates that Socialists do
not regard it necessary to indulge
expensive luxuries because a
political-economic position, is
temporarily occupied, or because
former £2,500 and £5,000 Minis-
ters have been good customers at
the stores. The simple life, in
fact, is still fancied in Whitehall as
it was in some of those little
suburban villas and country cot-
tages that housed not so many
months ago the men who have since
rubbed shoulders with the highest
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"Palatia" Prisons.

Yet another ill-timed effort is to
be made with a view to improving
the lot of prison inmates and to
make their lives thoroughly enjoy-
able whilst detained at a cost which
exceeds that incurred by the main-
tenance of honoured Durbies and
Joans forced to spend their even-
ing in poor-law institutions, where
wives and husbands are separated
in their latter days. Some of these
poor old souls are enduring a
punishment which exceeds that
meted out to law-breakers, who
have only themselves to thank for
their position and deserve no
luxuries, especially if the taxpayer
has to provide them.

£10,000,000.

Ten million pounds deposited by
the Czarists when Russia entered
the war, and otherwise the property
of the late Imperial Russian Gov-
ernment, is still held by British
banks. If a commercial treaty is
signed with the Bolsheviks it is
proposed to hand this money over
to the Soviet, though Russia owes
us a few hundred millions in
respect of war debts. If this is
actually done the public will quite
rightly be up in arms against an
administration which would pursue
such a senseless and unfair policy
at a time when we ourselves are
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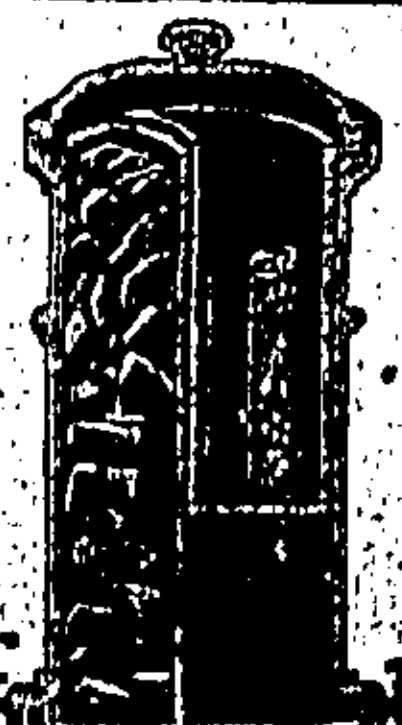
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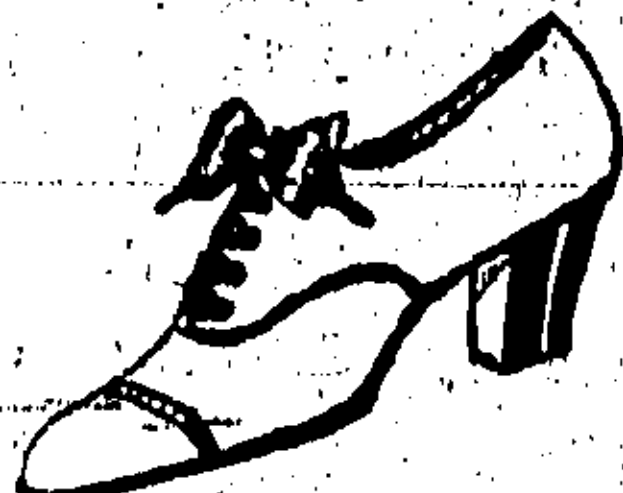
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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Mr. Leverack, M.P., has discovered that the flag in the fresco of Charles II. (1660) in the Common's Corridor is a Union Jack as redesigned in 1801.

Miss Edith Pictou Turberville (daughter of Col. Pictou Turberville), who contested North Islington in 1922, has been adopted as prospective Labour candidate for the Stroud, or Mid-Gloucester, division.

While a coffin was being lowered into a grave at Thundersley, Essex, a swarm of bees settled on the wreaths. The proceedings were suspended until the swarm shifted to a tree near by.

Dr. James Hargreave Mawson, of Moorland road, Leeds, received fatal injuries as the result of a collision between his motor-cycle and a motor-car on the Orley road at Leeds.

When the police raided a gambling den at Poplar, E., they found a Chinese game called Puck-a-Pu in progress. The gamblers included a boy of 13 and a girl of 11. Fines of from £15 to £20 were inflicted upon three Chinese.

"The Government is out to nationalise the mines; there can be no half-way house about it," declared Mr. E. Shinwell, Minister of Mines, at a meeting in connection with the Woolwich Arsenal Co-operative Society.

A smugglers' cave, 20 feet deep and 15 feet wide, believed to be a retreat of the famous smuggler Jack Rattenbury, has been found at Watercombe Farm, near Seaton, Devon. A horse fell into the cave when the field was being raked.

Among the nine Boy Scouts from Kenya (British East Africa) to take part in the Jamboree at the British Empire Exhibition, August 1-8, was R. W. Ryan, 15, who runs his father's farm and once shot two lions found worrying stock.

The freedom of Edinburgh has been conferred upon M. Max, the burgomaster of Brussels.

University honours men may get antedated commissions in the Royal Air Force with 1½ years extra seniority.

Nineteen entries have been received for the Air Ministry's £50,000 prize for a helicopter which passes official tests.

£32,062 was realised at the seven days' sale of the library of the late Mr. B. E. MacGeorge, of Glasgow at Sotheby's.

Alderman J. C. Febber, a former Mayor of Bournemouth, who was a contemporary at the old Dorchester grammar school with Thomas Hardy, died, aged 81.

Mr. Charles Leonard Hartwell, A.R.A., the sculptor, has been elected a Royal Academician. Mr. Hartwell, who is in his sixties, was exhibited at the Academy since 1896.

Frederick Charles Morgan, a pitman employed at the North Celyn Colliery, Newbridge, Monmouthshire, was killed by falling down the pit shaft, a distance of about 1,200 ft.

Captain W. R. Low, D.S.O., 1st Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment, pleaded guilty at a court-martial at Aldershot to converting £341 of regimental funds to his own use.

Having been nine months in prison at Arad, in Transylvania, Jacob Mold, the Rumanian State Railway official who was accused of having poisoned more than 20 people who were to have been witnesses against him in an embezzlement case, has been declared innocent of all the charges.

The House of Lords decided by 71 to 60 votes to present for the Royal Assent under Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act a measure to authorise the division of the present diocese of Winchester into three and the creation of bishoprics for Portsmouth and Guildford.

BACK FROM EVEREST.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AT DARJEELING.

The Everest Expedition under Colonel E. F. Norton, D.S.O., returned to Darjeeling on August 1, and was met by a large crowd. The shons and streets were decorated for the occasion. Lady Lytton and the Government House Party, the welcomed the returning expedition. General Bruce, who was compelled to return during the early stages of the adventure owing to illness, went out some miles to meet the party. Both the officers and the men are in the pink of condition, notwithstanding the severe hardships they have undergone. The British officers were very reticent and, when interviewed, confined their remarks to what has appeared in the papers. The hillmen, however, were prepared to give any information, and from them and their Sirdars the reporters had no difficulty in obtaining information. The Sirdars and coolies were certainly looking fitter than they were when the expedition left Darjeeling some months ago. They say that they were never short of food and what they got was good. Of course, there was a scarcity of fresh meat, but this was to be expected. Several large villages were passed and the people were friendly. Above the altitude of 14,000 feet only Lamas were met. These, at first, were inclined to be stand-offish, but with a little encouragement, made themselves a nuisance and would not be shaken off. On the lower ranges thousands of wild goats were seen daily, but, as none of the men of the expedition had firearms, they were not molested by the party. Above 15,000 feet snow leopards were occasionally met, but they gave no trouble. Feathered game was very scarce.

The party was often caught in sudden storms, but beyond a good drenching, they had nothing to complain of except in the higher regions, when the terrible winds used to blow the snow off the rocks into the faces of the advancing party, but this they all expected. More than once some of their number were lifted off their feet, and they had to cry a halt for an hour or two as it was impossible to make any headway. The Sahibs were no better off than the men and, as often as the men, measured their length on the snow much to the amusement of the coolies.

LAST FATAL CLIMB.

Mallory and Irvine left the camp by themselves on the morning of June 8 for the final climb, and, as the weather was perfect when they started it was anxiously hoped that they would succeed and be back before nightfall. But as they did not return that day it was feared that they were benighted, and it was thought they would certainly be back the following day. As there was no sign of them on the 9th evening Odell, with a small party of coolies left on the morning of the 10th, but, finding no trace of the two missing officers, returned on the 11th, hoping that they might have returned to the camp. There can be no doubt that they met with an accident, but how will never be known. It was impossible to send parties to search for them as the weather was very bad, but had volunteers been called for by Colonel Norton, every man of the expedition would have come forward, although they all realised the hopelessness of any search in such weather.

The death of these two officers naturally cast a gloom over the whole camp for some time, as they were always cheery and made themselves very popular with the coolies. Besides the loss of these two officers the only other deaths were those of a Gurkha Sirdar from pneumonia and of another, from heart failure at an altitude of 22,000 feet.

COOLIES UNDISMAIED.

The coolies taken from Darjeeling, in addition to being given rations and a liberal supply of warm clothing, were paid at the rate of Rs. 22.50 a month, with which the men were very satisfied. The return journey was uneventful. When asked if they would go if there was another expedition, one Sirdar said that not one would remain back.

The stance was proving a great success. The new member of the circle, an Oldham pigeon-fancier, had been brought into touch with his lately departed father-in-law, who had just announced he was an angel. "What wings an' all?" asked the "old-law." The reply was "the affirmative." "What dost measure fra' tip to tip?" asked the pigeon-fancier.

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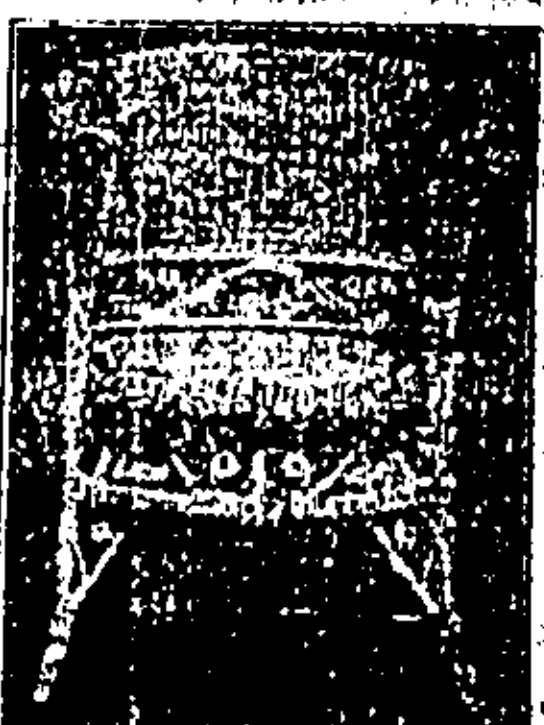
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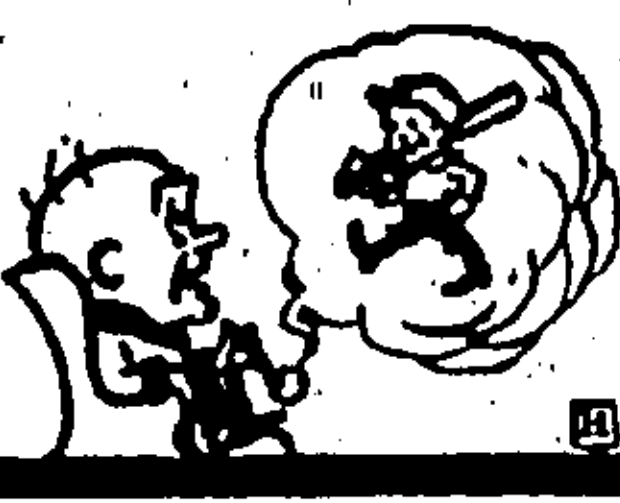
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MARRIAGE.

BLANFORD—NATHAN.—The marriage took place on August 16, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, Tientsin, of John Stephen Blanford, D.F.C., (The Buffs—General Reserve of Officers), of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Blanford, of Watford, Hertfordshire, England, and Maude, d'Avigdor, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nathan, of Tientsin and London, England.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1924.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN CANTON?

Many Hongkong people still appear to believe that serious trouble will yet break out in

the light of their former leader to Hongkong and the reason he gave to rebut the charge that he was scheming to overthrow the Government, namely that with him business came before politics. There can come a time of course when politics must be given the first place if business is not to be weighed down under intolerable burdens, but bad as conditions are in Canton to-day, we suggest that the breaking point has not yet been reached, else would the merchants have risen against the Government without a moment's delay, feeling that however unprepared they might be for the conflict, anything would be better than inaction. Therefore we think it very unlikely that the Volunteers will force an open conflict. That Dr. Sun Yat-sen is equally unwilling to fight seems not a whit less certain. Although he might be able to suppress any rising the Volunteers could make, he would yet be inviting grave risks from outside. There is always General Chan Kwong-ming lurking in the background and a rising against Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Canton itself would mean for him a golden opportunity which he would not be slow to seize. Therefore since the Volunteers have much to lose by fighting in their own streets, and the Government is not strong enough to risk open conflict, we think it is safe to say that the present storm will soon blow over and both sides will settle down to a waiting game. Whether the storm will rise again is of course another question altogether.

Snakes.

The snake stories which one is continually hearing, seem to be scaring some people and one often hears the question asked "what is the best way to attack a snake?" The writer is led to recall an experience he had a few years ago in a wild part of Wales. He was engaged in conversation with a farmer when the latter, glancing quickly at the hedge above, casually remarked "see that snake up there." Trying hard to look unconcerned the visitor to the Welsh wilds, who had never seen a snake before much less had one hanging in such uncomfortable proximity, looked hard in the direction indicated but could see nothing until the farmer actually touched, with his stick, what if the other had gazed at for an hour he would not have picked out from its surroundings as a living thing, such was the harmony of its coat with the surroundings. With a dexterous movement of his stick, the farmer had the snake on the ground, with another stroke he disabled it and with another he finally despatched it by crushing its head. "Always go for its back first," remarked the burly agriculturist, "it's a great mistake to try to get its head straight away because the chances are that while you are doing so you will get bitten. If you're ever in difficulties with snakes take the advice of one who has waged continued war against them for a number of years and get in one good slap at their backs with a stout stick and they're at your mercy." We pass on the tip for what it is worth.

Losing Public Sympathy.

As announced in Saturday's cables, the strike in the British building trade has come to an end through the men accepting the terms offered by the employers. Stoppage of work commenced early in July. Lord Buckmaster's court of inquiry into the affair gave as the immediate causes of the dispute a claim for increased wages; refusal by large bodies of operatives to accept the Fraser award on summer working hours; the belief of operatives that employers had attempted to obstruct free working of local arrangements to avoid extra hours in summer time; and the Liverpool dispute.

The Buckmaster Report recommended, as the only means by which the dispute could be brought to a speedy end, recognition by each side that their position had been misunderstood by the other, settlement of the Liverpool difficulty, and resumption of negotiations. The strike has been settled after trade has been held up for six weeks, settled apparently along the lines suggested by the Report. At the same time, it has entailed an immense amount of suffering by perfectly innocent people in whose behalf sympathy might have been expected even from pre-

sent day Labour. Witness the following statement, issued on July 16, by the London Master Builders' Association:—

"The situation at Westminster Hospital is still difficult. It appears that definite promises have been made to patients to the effect that they will be admitted on July 17. Some of these cases are very serious, involving operations of a delicate nature. No operations can possibly be performed whilst conditions exist in the hospital involving dust and noise. Further, the operating room is not ready and the sterilisers are not in place. Sundry plumbing jobs have to be completed. These matters could be put right in a few days if labour was available. The London Master Builders' Association is prepared to issue a permit to the contractors to pay the extra wages demanded, but not to concede the demand for a forty-four hours week. The operatives are refusing, notwithstanding the urgency of the case, to work on these terms." It is by such action as the foregoing that strike organisations, the world over, are losing the sympathy of the public.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
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ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 25.—Coronet Theatre; "To Have and To Hold."
August 25.—The Star Theatre; "Bruster's Millions."
August 25.—World Theatre; "Broadway or Bust."
August 25.—Queen's Theatre; "Prisoners of Love."
August 26-27.—Star Theatre, concert by the celebrated Polish violinist M. Premyslav.

August 30.—V.R.C. fourth night swimming fête, 9 p.m.

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October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office, Pedder Street, Hong Kong.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

OTHER MEETINGS.

August 25.—Hongkong Cricket League meeting, at Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion, 5.15 p.m.

Among the saloon passengers, who arrived here from Manila, by the C.P.S. "Empress of Asia," this morning, were: Mr. L. S. Kahn, Miss H. E. Skinner, Mr. M. W. Stevens and Mr. R. M. Scriven.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

In the second Rugby test, South Africa beat Britain by 17 points to nil, says a Johannesburg message.

The interport bowls team to meet Hongkong will be G. M. C. Murdoch, C. W. Porter, A. M. C. Atwater, and S. C. Young.

S. A. Rumjahn (holder) is to play H.D. Rumjahn on Wednesday next at Sookumpoo Valley, for the tennis championship of the Indian Recreation Club.

The Shanghai Interport Polo Team to meet Hongkong will consist of D. L. Newbigging, E. H. McMichael, C. G. Boyd, H. G. Robinson.

Local cinema-goers have their last opportunity this evening of seeing the great adventure film "To Have and To Hold," which has been drawing interested audiences to the Coronet Theatre during the past few days.

A Peking telegram to the "Daily Bulletin" reads:—Foreign telegrams indicate that there is hope for anxiety as regards Chekiang v. Fukien and Kiangsu, in view of Chinese official assurances to the contrary.

An enjoyable concert was given by the Chinese Amateur Musical Association at the New Theatre, yesterday afternoon. A large audience witnessed the performance which was greatly appreciated by all present as was evident by the applause each item received.

RAZORS STOLEN.

PRISONER'S THIN YARN NOT BELIEVED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, this morning, Ho Chi, a salesman employed in Tsang Kwong Co., Ltd., was charged with stealing three razors from the show-case of the firm at 6 p.m. yesterday. The theft is alleged to have taken place while the other employees were having their evening meal, when defendant was said to have concealed the razors in the pocket of his inner jacket.

Defendant was seen taking out the razors from a show case in the counter of the hardware department by one of the inspectors of the firm and was stopped on the way out by the Praya side door. The Police were telephoned for and defendant was taken into custody. Defendant stated that he had the right to take the razors out from his shop to show intending customers, and he also had authority to order goods. A month's hard labour was imposed.

SANITARY BOARD.

MEETING TO-MORROW.

There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow. The agenda includes:—

Appointment of a third Medical Officer of Health.
Conveyance of an infectious case by Star Ferry.
Reports from the Government Analyst on the Aberdeen, Elliott and West Point, and the Albany, Kowloon and Lai-chikok water supplies for the month of August, 1924.

BAND CONCERT.

AT KOWLOON TO-NIGHT.

Weather permitting, the Band of the 1st. Bn. East Surrey Regt., under the conductorship of Bandmaster Bradshaw, will play on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 9 o'clock to-night.

The programme follows:—

1. Overture.....Macbeth.....Hutton
2. Chansons. (a) Triste. (b) Humoresque.....Tschalkowsky
3. Selection.....Veronique.....Messager
4. Valse.....Hydrangea.....Gungl
5. Suite Espagnole.....La Perle.....Lacome
6. Selection.....The Yeomen of the Guard.....Sullivan
7. Quick March.....The Rampant Lion.....Anon.
8. Idylle.....The whispering of the Flowers.....von Blon.
9. Andante from 5th Symphony.....Beethoven.
10. Fantasia.....Bonnie Scotland arranged.....Ord Hume.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Music lovers who have not yet booked their seats for the concerts the celebrated Polish violinist M. Leopold Premyslav is giving in the Star Theatre, are reminded that the first concert takes place to-morrow evening. Booking is open at Messrs. Moutrie & Co., and at the Star Theatre.

A Chinese, found on board the s.s. "Hydrangea" yesterday without permission, was charged at the Marine Court this morning. The Captain said that he found the man with some of the cargo in his hands—jars of pickles. Defendant said he was a cook on the "Tan." Sentenced to a month's hard labour.

Whilst being driven to work in his motorcar No. 715 on Saturday morning, Mr. H. J. Jeffery's chauffeur knocked down and slightly injured a small Chinese boy near the Hung Hom Market. The boy was at once taken to the Tung Wah Hospital and it was not till the blood was washed from the lad's face that the driver discovered that it was his own nephew he had injured.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales left England for New York on Saturday.

M. Rakovsky and M. Chelnomann left Moscow for London, by aeroplane, on Saturday.

Officers leaving for home on Saturday by the P. and O. liner "Mantua" were Commander P. R. Lister, Lieut. J. B. Duncan, Lieut. J. Bethel, Lieut. Commr. R. Lawrence, all of the Royal Navy, and Major P. A. B. Johnstone, who was accompanied by Mrs. Johnstone. Other passengers included Mr. R. G. McEwen, Revd. and Mrs. H. P. Bailey, Dr. (Mrs.) T. M. Blake, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Pell and family.

RACING NOTES.

TRAINING BEGINS.

NEW INNER TRACK.

(By "Argus.")

After being closed for repairs, since June 12, the sand-track at the Happy Valley was opened again this morning. There was no official ceremony—in fact no official had put in an appearance up to 7 o'clock, but among the early birds I noticed the following:—Mr. C. Alves, Mr. A. E. Alves, Capt. Bennett, Mr. Charles, Mr. Goodfellow, Capt. Hall, Mr. Harriman and Mr. Hosie. Quite a large string of ponies were trotting after their long spell away from the course and surprise was general that the going was so heavy. Opinions were varied as to whether the work had been "well and truly laid," but those who wait for another month or so before reaching a decision will probably find that the alteration is a vast improvement. It must be remembered that both the layer of rubble and clinkers requires time to settle before the top dressing of sand can possibly be in shape to ensure good going. In its present state, the track should suffice for trotting and slow cantering. It is to be hoped that it will be found possible to open the grass track at least twice a week from September 1 for those trainers who wish to indulge their charges in faster work. Provided the course near the rails is protected, it is difficult to see any good grounds for objection to more use being made of the grass track. When all is said and done, it is for use not ornament and if spectators object to receiving a bit of a dusting on race-days because the straight in front of the stands is not like a bowling green, they had better remain at home. Those who go racing for the love of sport (including the ladies)—and not merely to chase the almighty dollar—will willingly put up with minor discomforts like a little dust as the field passes down the straight.

The draft programme for the fifth Extra Meeting on October 11 and 13 will be published in a day or two. I understand the first day's events include: Five Furlongs for non-winners; Six Furlongs A. and B. Class; One Mile Seller; One and a Quarter Miles A. and B. Class besides the Fourth Aggregate Stakes. On the second day a 1½ even for griffins of 1924 is included. Provided some of the subs "have a go" also, this event should attract a fair field.

Some New Blood.

I spent an interesting hour at Causeway Bay Stables yesterday morning in the company of Messrs. E. Rock and G. Matcham in renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

Among the latter are: Prince Regent, a bay 13.2 which was entered but did not run at the last annual meeting. He was then in Sir Paul Chater's stables. Dr. Fred Kew is his present owner.

Irrepressible, a black pony that ran a good second to Silver Spur in Shanghai, will run in the colours of Mr. A. A. Alves, I understand.

Besides Little Minch and Day of Surprise, Mr. Dunbar now has Kashmir, a really smart performer when fit. Mr. E. E. Ellis has a new purchase in Cementini, a taking-looking chestnut. This pony (a rig) has never started though. I believe, he was entered at Kiangwan last Spring. Top Hole, a brown pony, at one time considered more than useful in Shanghai will also be a starter next meeting. Messrs. Albert and Arnold have a grey griffin, Sam Nicholson by name, which has been down here since the Spring. Washington, Orient Dahlia and The Woodpecker are all back from Shanghai. None of these ran in the extras. The first named went wrong in training, Orient broke down after the big meeting and Lady Chater's pony was given a "spell" after starting three times at the annual.

It will thus be seen that prospects are distinctly bright especially if Spotted Sand and Rothery return before the racing season reopens.

SPENDING MILLIONS.

AMUSING STAR THEATRE PICTURE.

"Brewster's Million," the film adapted from the stage success of the same name, will be screened on the Star Theatre for the last time this evening. The story is one of the funniest ever written. In order to acquire \$5,000,000 a young man must spend \$1,000,000 within twelve months and be absolutely penniless at the end of the year. The devices he employs to get rid of his money are extremely amusing and the picture goes with a swing to the very end.

CLAIM FOR SALARY.

LOCAL SKIPPER LOSES CASE.

An application for the recovery of \$865.88, being 6 days' salary, was made in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice A. Dyer Bail by Captain T. S. Brown of the Palace Hotel. The owners concerned were the Chung Hing Steamship Company.

Mr. H. S. Corke represented applicant and Mr. Leo A. Almadu the defendants.

Curious Arrangement.

Mr. Corke said that there had been a verbal agreement first and the plaintiff signed an agreement in the owners' office on April 12th. He (Mr. Corke) had since inspected the agreement and found that it was dated April 18. His claim was for pay for the days between the 12th and 18th. The steamer sailed from Hongkong on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays and as the agreement was signed on a Saturday Captain Brown went to join the ship the next day. To his surprise he found that the old captain had not been dismissed and was still in charge. He went again on the Monday and Wednesday and found the same state of affairs. Finally he joined the ship and sailed away to Kowloon on Friday, April 18.

The arrangement was rather a curious one, said Mr. Corke, as the actual agreement was with the owners and yet the charterers paid the wages. When the agreement terminated at the end of May the charterers paid him only for the period from the 18th to the 30th. After he had settled with the charterers, he tried to get hold of the son of the owners (Chai Choi) to settle with him; but could not find him. The reason why he could not, claimed Mr. Corke, was that he (the owner's son) owed Captain Brown \$50. Captain Brown was previously master of the ship and on that occasion he had lent Chai Choi \$100. When he wanted his money back, he was summarily dismissed. The very same thing had happened on this occasion. Captain Brown's salary was \$400 a month and another reason for his dismissal had been that he declined to make any return to the owners of this amount which was the regulation wage of the China Coast Officers' Guild.

The plaintiff's claim, said Mr. Corke, was for the time when he was ready to join the ship but had been prevented from so doing because the other captain was still on the ship. Mr. Corke submitted that the reason why the other captain had been kept on was because he was in debt to the charterers and they did not want to get rid of him till he had worked sufficiently to pay for that amount.

Allowance Dispute.

There had also been dispute regarding the payment of \$40, known as gambling allowance, said Mr. Corke, but this was not the subject of a claim.

Captain Thomas Laurenson Brown gave evidence and said that he was prevented from accepting any other engagement between the 12th and the 18th by his agreement.

Cross-examined, Capt. Brown said that he was quite sure he signed the agreement on the 12th and not on the 18th. He did not sign the articles at the Harbour Office until then as he could not do so until he had the ship's register and the previous captain of the boat had charge of it. He made no protest when he signed a receipt for his money as he did not think the charterers would know much about it.

Judgment.

His Worship in finding for the defendants said plaintiff's statements were too vague for him to be satisfied that the agreement was signed on the 12th.

FOOCHOW CRISIS.

(Reuter's Service.)

FOOCHOW, August 23.—The rumour of the departure of gunboats towards Shanghai is unfounded. There is a crisis between the ex-tail Sun Chuan-fang and the present Tsuchun Chou Yin-jen. There is much movement of troops on both sides, but no indication of them leaving for other frontiers. Local conflict is expected at any moment.

ARMS IN SHANGHAI.

DOCUMENTS SEIZED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, August 24.—The police raided a Chinese house and seized twenty manual pistols and 5,600 rounds of ammunition. They also found documents relating to extensive arms deals.

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CONFLICTING CANTON NEWS.

HAVE MERCHANTS STRUCK OR NOT?
ACTUAL FATSHAN FIGHTING UNLIKELY.

"Not More Trouble Than Hongkong."

Reports, both contradictory and varying, have been received from Canton regarding the so-called impending trouble. During the week-end, some of the vernacular papers came out with special announcements of the opening of actual hostilities at Fatshan, a town not far from Canton. Other "reliable sources" insist that nothing has been done yet and that the arms dispute will eventually be settled by bargaining. Merchants and private individuals give as their latest opinion that the impending trouble can still be avoided, but that to-day ought to see a definite decision one way or the other.

Chinese merchants in Hongkong have, it has been confirmed, been advised to postpone shipments to Canton. On the other hand, the night-boats are still taking up plenty of cargo. Then again, there is talk of the Volunteers, reinforced by Village Guards (also volunteers), having taken the offensive in Fatshan and disarmed some Yunnanese regulars. If this had actually happened, it can be taken for granted that the main strength of the Yunnanese would have been on the move against Fatshan and that developments would have been reported before Sunday.

Multifarious Interests.

For the present, it seems safest to accept with some reserve the news that a general strike (or lock-out) has commenced in Fatshan and its vicinity. It is believed that a percentage of the merchants may have ceased business, as a protest, but it is difficult to believe that the multifarious interests in Fatshan—itsself a respectably-sized town—unanimously decided on a course which would be tantamount to throwing out a challenge to a government backed by thousands of professional soldiers.

Yesterday being Sunday it was not possible to inquire if communication with up-country ports had been re-established.

Where Are the Arms?

The feeling is growing in Canton that the "Volunteer arms" are on the "Hav," which is still anchored at Whampoa under the eye of the gunboat "Kwong Ching." This has been the best antidote to the feeling of alarm; the hope being that satisfaction may yet be obtained by the Volunteers.

A strict censorship is exercised in Canton and it is impossible to reconcile the reports in the Canton pro-government vernacular papers with the anti-Sun Chinese papers published in Hongkong.

VISITOR'S VIEWS.

MR. HARPER AGREEABLY
SURPRISED.

"No sign or disturbance is to be seen in Canton any more than there is in Hongkong," said Mr. Andrew Harper, the local Ford motor representative, to a "China Mail" man who called on him this morning. Mr. Harper returned to the Colony on Saturday night after having completed several business transactions in Canton, in the course of which he was brought into close touch with several of the city's leading officials.

Looking For Trouble.

He had gone up, Mr. Harper admitted, full of forebodings as to the trouble up there but he came back satisfied that the possibility of open disorder was very remote. "To a visitor with varying business interests, Canton appeared quite normal," emphasised Mr. Harper, "and even if one was on the look-out for signs of trouble one could not find them."

During his visit, Mr. Harper was in all parts of the city from Shamen to the Sai Sha Tou aviation field. He experienced no difficulty in getting about and spoke very highly of the orderliness of the rich and cargo coolies with whom he came in contact. Mr. Harper concluded an interesting resume of what he had seen by expressing an opinion that the Canton authorities had the situation well in hand.

STRAWS IN THE WIND.

TOW-BOATS SCARED OFF.

Events during the week-end which may be directly attributable to the trend of Canton politics or, on the other hand, mere straws in the wind, include the departure by the night-boat on Saturday from Canton of Mr. Foo Ping-sheng and his family. Mr. Foo is understood to be the Bureau for Foreign Affairs and took a material part in getting the Shamen strikers to return last week. It was also reported that Mr. Wu Ts-chia, Commissioner of Police, who left for Hongkong but, it afterwards trans-

pired that only his family and not himself had come down.

During the greater part of Saturday no passenger tow-boat went alongside the wharves at the western creek, that part of the West Bund which has now been filled in and where about a hundred up-country boats tie up in the course of a day. Late in the morning a battalion of Honanese infantry had borrowed, hired, or commandeered, one of these boats to convey them outside the city. This may have been construed by the other boats as a repetition of requisitioning as in other times of crisis, and, accordingly, caused them to refrain from going to Canton to meet a similar fate. However, the "transport" boat returned under three hours.

Officials' Families Leave.

Both Saturday and Sunday's night-boats from Canton carried more than their usual quota of passengers and a number of refugees must have been included. Women-folk were in the majority and most of these were families of non-Cantonese officials or officers. Earlier in the week the Honanese battalion referred to, had caused considerable alarm to the civil population, particularly to the native bankers in the western suburb who suspended business at their exchange for a few hours, but re-opened intermittently till confidence was regained.

How Events Are Construed.

This detachment of mercenaries had entered Canton from the upper reaches of the river on Tuesday, the day the Shamen strike was settled. No provision had been made for them and they bivouacked in the streets or billeted themselves in buildings near completion, in the western suburb. Their arrival was signalled as the first move to disarm the Volunteers; and the latter fled. Now that the regulars have come and gone, it has been established that last week, at any rate, there was no intention to disarm the Volunteers.

On Wednesday two motor lorries, owned by the Canton Mint, were busy all day conveying Canton subsidiary silver into one of the Shamen banks to effect payment for purchases of bullion. A native banker who tried to get a sum of about \$50,000 into the Concession was stopped. It was reported that the silver was taken to the Police Commissioner's office where it was returned to the owner. This brought on another scare, the rumour-mongers interpreting it as a desire of the troops to keep as much in Canton as possible for their benefit when the trouble broke out.

Contradiction Asked.

In a letter to the Editor of the "Canton Gazette," Lieut.-Colonel Grosse, Chairman of the Shamen Municipal Council (British Concession), writes:—

With reference to the article which appeared on the page of your issue of Thursday, August 21, 1924, and headed "Shamen Mellowing Down To Normal Life With Ending Of The Strike" the British Municipal Council would be glad if you would be so good as to contradict the statement made with regard to the Secretary, Mr. C. E. Watson, having taken the bell from the bell-ringing leader of the procession. Mr. Watson in fact did not even see the procession, being otherwise engaged at another part of the Concession.

The publishing of this letter in as conspicuous a position as the article in question in an early issue of your paper will oblige.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THAT MURDER TRIAL.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Apocryphal the letter, in a local paper of to-day's date, entitled "The Murder Trial" the evidence seemed to prove that deceased and her partner were caught in the act. If this was correct should not the verdict, according to English law, have been one of manslaughter only?

The writer expected that result and undoubtedly there are others, who having a knowledge of verdicts given on similar trials, hoped the same. Perhaps some of your readers well versed in the English law would express an opinion seeing that a man's life is at stake?

Yours truly,

JUSTICE.

Hongkong, August 20, 1924.

The Letter Mentioned.

The following is the letter referred to by "Justice":—

[To the Editor, S. C. M. Post.]

Sir,—On the final day of the Indian murder trial last week, the Attorney-General, in concluding his address, asked the Jury to find that the prisoner was guilty of murder, while, at the first stage of his address, he said that it was for the Jury to decide whether prisoner was guilty of murder or manslaughter. I consider that the only business of the prosecuting officer of the Crown is to present the case before the Judge and Jury, mentioning all the details linking prisoner with the charge, and to ask the Jury whether they believe the facts of the case as outlined by the Crown, or the prisoner's evidence. It is up to the Jury to bring forth the verdict, and it is not fair for the Crown Counsel to direct the Jury to find whatever verdict he thought, as undoubtedly the Jury could be influenced by the advice of the officer of the Crown and they thus need no other option but to take the advice of the Attorney-General, as unquestionably what he says is law; but it is not at all fair that the decision of the Jury should thus be influenced. The Jury had, of course, heard what the Attorney-General had directed that they should find the prisoner guilty of, but it was pointed out to them that if they believed prisoner's story of finding his wife in the bushes in the act of committing adultery, they should find him guilty of manslaughter. My view of the evidence is that the charge ought to have been manslaughter.

I hope the Law sees to this point and, before concluding my comment, I would request the Law Officers to have a further discussion over the verdict and find if the condemned man was actually under the charge of manslaughter.—Yours, etc.,

H.S.H.

Hongkong, July 25, 1924.

ANOTHER OPINION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Once again, I should like to dwell on the question of Jury Reform, as I believe the suggestions which I made in your columns some months ago were overlooked by the authorities. The suggestions which I made were reasonable indeed and I fail to see why no reform has taken place up to this time. It is my point of view that because of the prevalence of Murder Trials of late, and more especially of the complicated state of a few of the cases, that I am under the apprehension that a Jury may not have the proper guidance of how to bring in a verdict. It is laid down in Law that if a Jury finds a prisoner guilty of Murder, the verdict should be unanimous, but how is this done? At the present day procedure, the Jury have a verbal discussion only, but it certainly appears to me that such a dangerous practice. No better method is than to use slips of paper for the Jury to each state their opinion by writing "Guilty or Not Guilty" to one or other charges, the slip of paper to be handed to the Foreman, whose duty is to find the majority and the verdict rests upon it. If they don't come to a unanimous verdict, it is for the Court to have a new trial with a new Jury. British justice should be pursued even to the furthest corner where there flies the British flag.

Yours, etc.,

(Another) "JUSTICE."

Hongkong, August 25, 1924.

[Two points stand out in the observations made in the letters printed above. Firstly, (first) "Justice" says that "the evidence seemed to prove that deceased and her partner were caught in the act of adultery." Our recollection of the trial is that both Mr. Fitzroy, counsel for the defence, and the Hon. Mr. Kemp, Attorney-General, in their respective addresses to the Court and Jury, said that if the witnesses for the Crown were believed, a verdict of murder should be returned.

MISSED AGAIN.

TYPHOON PASSES AWAY
ONCE MORE.

MACAO NOT SO LUCKY.

Hongkong was not visited by a typhoon although we had a wet week-end. When the signals were put up it was felt that the Colony would still be spared and these calculations have been borne out. Yesterday afternoon the local storm signal was lowered.

At 11 this morning the following notice was posted at the Harbour Office:—Typhoon or depression in Lat. 20 N., Long. 107 E., direction W.N.W. Reference to the map gave the locality as the Gulf of Tongking and from the present direction, it seems that the typhoon will make inland near Hanot as predicted. Since passing to the south of Hongkong, the typhoon has travelled steadily by Macao, Changchwan (French), Kwongchauwan (French) and possibly close to the Hainan Straits.

Macao seems to have felt the typhoon to a greater extent than Hongkong. Our correspondent there writes to say that yesterday a storm could be seen from the Praya Grande where one could hardly stand in an exposed position without being whisked away. He thinks that the fishing fleet—which comprises thousands of boats—has met with no harm but described the typhoon as intense. "To use China Coast parlance," he writes, "the tail of the typhoon passed near us but we are none the worse off. The Macao-Hongkong steamers did not sail yesterday."

The "Sui An" did not leave on her Sunday excursion to Macao yesterday and the "Chuen Chow" did not return in the afternoon, thereby inconveniencing a considerable number of trippers who went over on Saturday despite the signals. There was no interruption to the Hongkong-Canton steamer services.

The captain of the "Huichow," from Weihaiwei, has reported that he met a typhoon passing by Kueshan Island in the Formosa Channel—a south-west breeze.

PRINCE CYRIL.



A Reuter cable from Paris states that the Grand Duke Cyril, heir-presumptive to the Russian throne, has issued a protest against the Anglo-Russian Treaty. He has warned would-be subscribers that the loan will not be recognised in the event of the Imperial rule being restored.

SNEAK THIEF.

TWELVE OF THE BEST
FOR BANISHEE.

Before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Hongkong Magistracy, this morning, a returned banishee was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and a dozen lashes for snatching a gold hair-pin from a lady in Wanchai Road yesterday.

If prisoner's story was credited then the verdict should be one of manslaughter. Apparently, the decision rested with the Jury who in giving their verdict must have been dissatisfied with all or part of the prisoner's evidence and accepted the evidence for the prosecution.

The second point lies in the reference by "H.S.H." to the Attorney-General, in his concluding address, asking the Jury to find the prisoner guilty of murder. Our knowledge of the British Courts of Justice is that counsel for the defence asks the Jury to return a verdict which he maintains should be the correct one and the Attorney-General, in his capacity of counsel prosecuting for the Crown, also expresses an opinion and asks the Jury to return a verdict in accordance with the case the Crown maintains.

We cannot agree with "H.S.H." that what the Attorney-General says is law. It is for the Judge to direct the Jury who are themselves guided by their belief or disbelief in the evidence. We shall refer to the second letter name "Justice" to-morrow.—Ed. China Mail.

KOWLOON TONG.

CHANGE IN MEMORANDUM
OF ASSOCIATION.

JUDGE GRANTS ORDER.

The affairs of the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Co., Ltd., came before the attention of Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, sitting in original jurisdiction this morning, when Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. Wadeson, applied for the confirmation of the alteration of the Memorandum of Association.

Mr. Potter said that the petitioners prayed the Court to sanction the striking out of subsection of the Memorandum which read as follows:—

"The General Manager for the time being of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., or the person acting in that capacity for the time being shall be a permanent director of the company. The qualification of a permanent director shall be the holding of shares in the capital of the company. The number of permanent directors shall never be more than one."

The petition, which was read to the Court, showed that the capital of the Company is \$10,000,000 divided into 20,000 shares, the shares being issued and allotted as follows:—the Hon. Mr. Montague Ede, 1,000 shares; the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., one share; Rev. Father Robert, one share; Mr. Sam Pak-ming, one share; Mr. Arthur Henry Kingston Cobb, one share; Mr. Edward Dean Shank, one share.

The petition went on to say that shortly after its incorporation the Company commenced business and had carried on the same with considerable success. By a special resolution of the Company, passed, and confirmed at extraordinary general meetings of the Company held on the 6th and 25th of June, it was resolved to amend the Company's Memorandum of Association as stated in the petition. The proposed alteration was required to enable the company to carry on its business more efficiently and economically.

The company had no debenture debt whatever, but was usually indebted to general creditors for wages and salaries to the extent of \$12,000 a week. This indebtedness varied from week to week. The Company had ample working capital and its assets were far more than sufficient to pay all its debts and to make good the whole of the paid-up capital; and moreover had plenty of capital to work its business.

Affidavits by the Hon. Mr. Montague Ede and Mr. Herbert Glanville of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, were read to the Court by Mr. Potter. Mr. Glanville's showed that in the month of June the Hon. Mr. Ede resigned from the position of general Manager of the Union Insurance Society and Mr. Paul Lauder was appointed general Manager. Mr. Lauder had refused the position of Permanent Director of the company thus leaving it with none.

The position, concluded counsel, was that the company intended there should be a permanent director and they had provided in their Memorandum of Association that such director should be Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. The present Managers refused to act and the Company considered it more than necessary that there should be a permanent director.

He therefore, put the application which fell within section 10 of the Companies Ordinance, if the application was approved, the permanent director would be the Hon. Mr. Montague Ede. All the papers were in order.

His Lordship made the order.

MOTHER AND SON.

SERIOUS CHARGES TO
ANSWER.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Hongkong Magistracy this morning, a man named Au Cho, was charged with wounding Chan Sam on August 14 at No. 25, Shing On Street, Sai Wan Ho, with a chopper. At the same time, Pun Wan-heung, a woman, appeared on a charge of instigating the first defendant and steal one wrist watch, an overcoat and a pair of spectacles. Both prisoners were remanded until 10 a.m. on Monday next.

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"SARDINIA"	6,684	2nd Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	9th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	23rd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	30th Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	6th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGAYA"	8,884	13th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	20th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	27th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	4th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGAYA"	8,884	11th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	18th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	25th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	1st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGAYA"	8,884	8th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	15th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	22nd Jan.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	29th Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGAYA"	8,884	5th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	12th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	19th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,118	26th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGAYA"	8,884	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	12th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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Ship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TALMA"	10,000	3rd Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	10th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	17th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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Ship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
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"SARDINIA"	6,684	13th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	20th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGAYA"	8,884	27th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	4th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	11th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGAYA"	8,884	25th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	8th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	15th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGAYA"	8,884	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	6th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGAYA"	8,884	20th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	3rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGAYA"	8,884	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGAYA"	8,884	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN-BIND"	8,884	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,118	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"NAGAYA"	8,884	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Heart—Cha Ham each 16	16	10		
Kidney—Cha Yik each 12	12	10		
Liver—Cha Kon lb.	42	30		
Chop—Cha Pui Kwai	28	28		
Leg—Cha Pui	28	28		
Saddle—Cha Hau Tau	18	15		
.. Cha Lau	22	21		
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Heart—Young Sam	32	24		
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CABLE RATES. PROBABLE REDUCTION OF AUSTRALIAN CHARGES.

The Sydney correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" recently wrote as follows:

Action by the Commonwealth Government during the present session of Parliament will, it is hoped, have the effect of inducing the Pacific Cable Board and the Eastern Extension Company to reduce the cable rates between Australia and the United Kingdom, at all events on ordinary and Press messages. The annual reports of the Pacific Cable Board and the Commonwealth Postmaster-General for the year 1922-23 afford additional justification for immediate reduction. With the view of minimising the loss of revenue to the Pacific Cable Board and to the Commonwealth in respect of the terminal charge, it has been suggested that immediate reductions should be confined to the full ordinary rate and Press and deferred Press rates between Australasia and the United Kingdom. The full rate has not been reduced at all, and the Press rate only once (by a small amount) since the inception of the Pacific Cable, so that these classes of traffic deserve the greatest consideration. The present and proposed new rates are as follows:

Present rate	Proposed new rate
Full ordinary 30	20
Press 0.75	0.4
Deferred Press 0.45	0.2

It is suggested that the Commonwealth terminal charge should be reduced from 5d. to 1d. on full rate messages from 1d. to 1/2d. on Press, and from 1/2d. to 1/4d. on deferred Press. The Pacific Cable Board and the connecting administrations would presumably share in the existing proportions, the reduction of 8d. in the full rate messages, and 2/4d. in the deferred Press. In the aggregate the Pacific Cable Board's proportion on the present basis would be approximately

ately two-thirds of these reductions.

An analysis of the Pacific Cable Board's finances shows clearly that the board can well afford the probable loss, even if it is not lessened by additional revenue from increased traffic. The following table shows the loss that would be sustained by the board on the basis of the 1922-23 figures. The first column shows the loss if the board bears the whole of the reduction (apart, of course, from the Commonwealth terminal rate), and the second column shows the loss if a proportion is allocated to the connecting administrations.

Loss if P.C.B. bears	Loss if P.C.B. bears
proportion	proportion
Full rate.....\$59,855	\$40,551
Press rate.....6,486	3,388
Deferred Press rate 655	247
Total.....\$66,996	\$44,186

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

For the year 1921-22, £123,562, representing profits made by the board, after allowing for all statutory and other regular payments was allocated to reserve fund, and repayment of capital; and £169,063 was similarly applied in 1922-23. Even if the board bears the whole of the anticipated loss, without any contribution by the connecting administrations, this would still be considerably less than half the profits earned in 1922-23, and if it carries only its proper proportion it would be less than one-fourth of those profits. No financial obstacle, therefore, stands in the way of rate reductions on the three classes of traffic above suggested. An extension of the reductions to cable between Australasia and Canada would not materially increase the total. The limitation of the reductions in the first instance to full, Press, and deferred Press rates between Australasia and the United Kingdom would also make the problem comparatively simple from the Commonwealth point of view. In 1922-23 the revenue from the terminal charge was approximately £240,000, slightly larger than in 1921-22. The reductions proposed

LORRY ACCIDENT. NOBODY INJURED.

A large contractor's motor-lorry partly protruding through the wall on the side of Park Road—just below the Sanitary Inspectors' and other civil servants' quarters at Breezy Point—with two wheels dangling in the air was to be seen by those who passed yesterday afternoon.

It appears that the lorry, carrying a considerable load of building materials, was going up the rather steep gradient and in the course of changing gear, control over the vehicle was lost so that the lorry began to slip backwards down the incline. Ultimately, it bumped into the wall which shut off a drop of some feet, and broke a hole in it. Fortunately no-one was injured and the lorry was finally rescued from its precarious position.

FILM SCANDAL. AUSTRIANS ARRESTED.

Paris, July 11.—A scandal arising out of scenes enacted at Versailles a day or two ago by a company of Austrian cinema artists led last night to the arrest of six actors and actresses at Mulhouse just as they were about to cross the frontier. Their film has been seized, and they are to be detained in custody pending the conclusion of an inquiry which is being carried out by the Ministry of Arts. The affair came to public notice through complaints of inhabitants of Versailles of the foreign film artists who had been allowed to use well-known places in the historic park of Versailles as a setting for the most licentious scenes, and a report was quickly spread that German propaganda agents were preparing films which would be exhibited abroad with the object of conveying a slanderous impression of French manners and morality. At the Colonne du Roi, for instance, a scene had been photographed in which women figured in costumes so light as to be indecent, while another scene represented an open-air orgy of drinking and dancing which, according to the report, would be shown later as an example of the way in which Parisians were conducting themselves while the Germans were starving.

The producer of the film, Otto Kreisler, had obtained official permission to operate in Versailles, but it was understood that the scenes were wanted for a film version of a French novel. The Director of Fine Arts has expressed the opinion that the protests have been based on an exaggerated account of the scenes which were photographed; but, as the film is now in the hands of the authorities, they will be able to satisfy themselves of its character before it is allowed to leave the country. It has been ruled, however, that in future an official inspector will be present whenever films are produced in the park or chateau, and such films will also have to pass the censorship.

would involve a loss, on the basis of the 1922-23 traffic figures, of £61,660, less than one-third of the total.

The fear of increased traffic resulting from reduction of rates causing congestion on the Pacific cable is still advanced as a reason why no reduction should take place until the Pacific cable system is completely duplicated. There is, however, already sufficient margin for prompt transmission via the Pacific of any probable increase of traffic. In any case the Eastern Company handles about two-thirds of both full-rate Press traffic between Australasia and the United Kingdom, and no suggestion has been made that the company, with the additional routes made available in recent years, would be unable to handle any reasonable increase. If the Pacific Cable Board's fears of congestion were actually realised, it may be presumed that the Eastern Company would not refuse business. Diversion already takes place if, through breakdown or any other cause, congestion exists.

The Pacific Cable Board is not justified in complaining of congestion, and then not taking the necessary steps to overcome it. If it has difficulties, its duty is to perfect its organisation, as any progressive business firm would do, so that it can cope with the work to be performed. The feared congestion would be, at the worst, temporary only. The Board is pledged to provide an alternative route from Suva to Bamfield, either by duplicating the existing sections of the cable or by wireless. Either scheme would immediately remove any possible blot of congestion. Moreover, the pending introduction of direct wireless communication between the United Kingdom and Australia would undoubtedly relieve the cable lines of some portion at least of their traffic.

FORD CARS. FACTORY FOR LONDON.

London, July 11.—Negotiations have been completed for the immediate erection of a big Ford motor-car factory at Dagenham. The site is one of 307 acres, on the north bank of the Thames, in Essex, and it is regarded as ideally suited to the purpose, especially as the riveride frontage will give facilities for the export trade which the Ford Company hope to develop from the United Kingdom. So far the British factory of the concern has been at Trafford Park, in Manchester. It began in 1911 with an annual sale of 1,485 cars, and so rapid has been the growth, that the output is now 40,000 cars a year for the home market only, exclusive of the production for such countries as Belgium, Scandinavia, and Italy. The workers at Manchester number about 3,300, and all but seven of this industrial army are British. Even the least skilled receive 3s. an hour, and the pay roll and purchases with the Empire during the first six months of this year alone was £2,176,835.

The Ford cars on the roads of Great Britain, it is stated, exceed 200,000. The Dagenham works will be able to turn out up to three-quarters of this number a year. No fewer than 500 vehicles, in other words, will be leaving the factory on each working day, and this will be done by the familiar Ford method of "mass production." Not only at Detroit, but in Manchester, standardisation has been carried to a very fine art, and one of the most marvellous evidences of it is seen in the assembly shop. Here the mere skeleton of a car is placed on a moving tractor, and within twenty-five minutes it emerges at the other end of the building a completely finished article, gangs of men having added different parts during its passage. This method will be adopted at Dagenham. Employment will be found for 10,000 people, all at a high rate of wages, and one of the reasons why this site was chosen was its proximity to the great labour resources of the East-end of London.

The plan to be adopted in the construction of the factory will be mainly that of single-storey buildings, and the machinery will be of the most modern type, including many novel safety appliances. The land is now only a waste, part of it having been reclaimed from the river, but already it is conveniently served by adjacent railways and roadways. Moreover, it is intended to build docks and wharves, and as the site adjoins a navigable part of the Thames, the concern will be in a position to maintain a big and speedy export trade with the Continent. The enterprise is being undertaken by the British Ford Company, which is independent of but connected with the American parent organisation, and only this year this company has adopted an entirely new model of car suitable to the tastes and conditions of the United Kingdom. It is of interest to note that it is exactly twenty-one years since Mr. Henry Ford began his great business—he has now 175,000 workers directly in his employ or that of the subsidiary companies throughout the world—and last month the ten-millionth car was turned out at Detroit.

Mr. H. S. Jenkins, the chairman of the British company, announced the details of the new London scheme at a luncheon given by the directors at the Hotel Metropole. Emphasising the desire that the development should be regarded as British in every respect, and that as far as possible only British labour and material were to be used, the chairman said that the abolition of the McKenna duties would not now make it a commercial proposition to build Ford cars in this country, inasmuch as they could make them and import them more cheaply from their plant in America. Nevertheless, this had not deterred them from proceeding with the development, and it was their hope that they would be able to increase their business with the Continent. He also referred to the horse-power tax, an impost which he described as unjust and inequitable, and one which was calculated to deter a large number of potential purchasers. It may be explained that, on the basis of the R.A.C. rating, the tax on a Ford car is £23, though it is held that, technically, this ought not to be more than £15 or £16. A Departmental Committee which has recently considered the entire question of motor taxation has reported adversely on this particular objection, though the Ford management hold that the present position is an anomalous one, and on it may depend the extent to which they can carry through their plans at Dagenham.

ROTOR

ARMS CASE. SHIP'S STEWARD UNDER CHARGE.

CASE ON "PAUL LECAT"

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Chung San No. 1, Saloom Boy of s.s. "Paul Lecat" appeared on remand for being in possession of 34 rounds of ammunition and a dagger on August 17.

Detective-Sergeant Simpson deposed that on August 17 on arrival of the vessel, he boarded the ship with a party of police and searched defendant's cabin and found 34 rounds of ammunition and a dagger, of which defendant denied ownership. He took defendant to the police station.

Defendant said that he had been on the s.s. "Paul Lecat" for about three months and did not know of the ammunition being hidden there.

It might have been put there by the person who previously occupied the cabin. Mr. Leo D'Almada defended. The case was adjourned until 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.

STREET NOISES.

BELLS NOT HORNS PERMISSIBLE.

CYCLISTS TO NOTE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, Wan Chun, was summoned for having a horn instead of a bell on his bicycle at Des Voeux Road Central yesterday, (contrary to Government Notification No. 377 of June, 1924) was fined \$1.

Defendant stated that the horn was attached to the bicycle, when it arrived from America and he did not know that it was not allowed. He undertook to have it changed for a bell.

DOPE SMUGGLERS.

HEAVY FINES IMPOSED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning Lo Wan, charged with having in his possession five tael of prepared opium, not being Government opium, at Connaught Road Central, yesterday was fined \$500 or four months' hard labour. Lau Wo, for the same offence, at the Star Ferry Pier, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour in default of paying a fine of \$1,500. A previous conviction had been recorded on August 18 for a similar offence when accused was fined \$50.

RED TRADE UNION.

"NATIONAL MINORITY MOVEMENT."

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LONDON, August 24.—A conference, under the auspices of the Red Trade Union International, attended by 200 British delegates from the unemployment committees of the Trade Unions etc., decided to create an organisation to be called the "National Minority Movement." In order to pursue the work of organising the minority movement, within the various industries as against the present Trade Union leaders, one speaker declared: to be a successful international movement against Capital, it must include Asiatic workers—even Chinese.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a Chinese fish monger, Ho Miu, charged with theft of three coils of Manila rope and three wire "runners" from S.S. "Onbillin" on August 16 was sentenced to two months' hard labour. In view of defendant having assisted the police to recover the articles from a junk at Ho Hang, to whose owner they had been sold by a man not in custody, the Magistrate said he had decided to deal with the case leniently.

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" I. Sawada (Manager of Japanese Team).
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There was not a vacant seat at the Victoria Recreation Club, on Saturday night, when the attraction was a swimming fete at which the Japanese Olympic competitors, at the invitation of the V.R.C. tried conclusions with local swimmers. Though the visitors carried off all events, the Victoria Recreation Club men finished second and third in the 100 yards and second and third in the 50 yards. In the shorter race, the performance of G. Razavet was highly creditable as he was only beaten by a fifth of a second.

In the 200 yards event the placings were Miyahata, Takahashi, Lyon, while in the team race the hosts put up a grand tussle and, though defeated were by no means disgraced. We were beaten by one second by the team that was fourth at the Olympiad!

In addition to the usual events for members, the programme included an exhibition of fancy diving by Messrs. N. Duck, W. G. Urquhart and C. Mackenzie; and swimming under water by Messrs. T. Saitoh and T. Ishida. In the first event, no decisions were given; in the second, T. Ishida won by swimming 25 yards in 14 seconds.

Large Gathering Present.

His Excellency the Governor Sir Reginald Stubbs was an interested spectator throughout the meeting. Among other prominent people present were noticed Hon. Sir Claud Severn and Lady Severn, Hon. P. H. Holyoak, and the Misses Holyoak, Colonel Russell-Brown, D.S.O., Colonel Butterworth, Mr. W. Logan, Captain Logan, M.C., Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, Mr. G. Harriman, Mr. D. Abbey.

Among the Japanese were Mr. S. Takahashi, the Consul-General, Mr. K. Oeaka, and, besides the swimming competitors, the entire team that took part in the events at the Olympiad in France.

The Results.

100 Yards Invitation: (1) K. Takahashi, (2) J. Lyon, (3) J. Johnston, (4) T. Ishida.
Time 56.2/5 sec.; Lyon's time was 59 sec.

50 Yards Ladies (Breast Stroke): (1) Miss G. Ramsay, (2) Miss B. George, (3) Miss Bliss, (4) Miss R. Chue.
Time 15 seconds.

Miss Chue finished first, dead-heat with Miss G. Ramsay, but was disqualified for taking her hand out of the water.

50 Yards Invitation: (1) K. Onoda, (2) G. Razavet, (3) E. Noronha, (4) T. Saitoh.
Time 26.1/5 sec.; Razavet 26.2/5 sec.; Noronha 26.4/5 sec.

50 Yards Girls (Breast Stroke): (1) M. Goumley, (2) P. Allen, (3) P. Hunt, (4) R. George.
Time 30 sec.

Miss George came in first, but was disqualified for using the side-stroke.

50 Yards Boys H.d.p. (Back-Stroke): (1) S. Gillins, (2) P. Zimmerman.
Time 14.4/5.

200 Yards Invitation: (1) T. Miyahata, (2) K. Takahashi, (3) D. Lyon.
Time 2 min. 17.4/5 second.

50 Yards Members: (1) J. Kent, (2) J. Assumpcao.
Time 29.3/5 seconds; Assumpcao 29.4/5.

Team Race: (1) Japan: Onoda, Saitoh, Ishida, Miyahata, Takahashi, (2) V.R.C.: Johnston, Razavet, Urquhart, Noronha, Lyon.

A tremendous race all through. In the last lap Lyon and Takahashi were level practically throughout, the latter winning by less than a foot.

Time 2 min. 16.2/5. V.R.C. 2.17.2.5. Each pair had to swim 50 yards.

Prize Distribution.

Sir Claud Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G., Chairman of the V.R.C., before distributing the prizes, at the conclusion of the events, which was signalled by a "farewell dive" by the competitors, in a few well-chosen words expressed the pleasure it gave himself and the members of the V.R.C. to once again welcome the Japanese Olympic team. He dwelt on the extremely kind manner in which the Typhoon had passed us by and allowed us to witness such an excellent night's sport. The speaker said that when the Japanese were here last, Mr. W. Logan had promised them that on their return, the V.R.C. would give them a "run for their money." That our boys had done so, all

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"PRISONERS OF LOVE"

Betty Compson, whose meteoric rise in the cinema world as the result of her remarkable portrayal in "The Miracle Man," will be seen in "Prisoners of Love," the attraction at the Queen's Theatre, all Thursday.

"Prisoners of Love" was the first picture in which Miss Compson appeared as a star. As befitted the occasion, a plot which gave the greatest opportunity to her talents was chosen for her.

She has won unstinted praise from the American critics for her

MANILA SOLONS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Manila, August 23. The Legislature refuses to confirm appointments made by the Governors of Lanao and Sulu, thus again taking issue with Governor-General Wood.

first big effort—in the rôle of a girl whose beauty and magnetism swept her beyond the brink of life's deepest pitfall.

Others in the cast include Ralph Lewis, Roy Stewart, Clara Horton and Emory Johnson.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

TRADE COMBINE.

MOVE AGAINST U.S.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 23. It is announced that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald before he left London communicated with representatives of industries likely to be most seriously affected by European combinations against British trade, and is appointing a Committee to advise the Foreign Office on the subject.

SILK SHIPMENT.

The silk shipped per s.s. "President" McKinley, which sailed from this port at 10 a.m., July 26, arrived in New York at 6 a.m., August 17, having been 21 calendar days and 20 hours in transit.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor report for the week ending Friday last.

We have had a very strong market during the past week culminating in a small boom during the last three days.

The Shanghai market continues quiet with very little doing.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Hongkong Banks:—Are strong with buyers at \$1,200 with few if any sellers.

Unions:—Have firmed up to a buying rate of \$230 without attracting sellers.

Hotels:—Had a rapid rise and a large number of shares have changed hands including one sale of one hundred thousand Old shares at \$25 for December.

Hongkong Lands:—Have also firmed up and close strong with buyers at \$118 cash and \$118 for October ex dividend.

Landlords:—Are in some demand and have been done at \$22.

Cement:—Have also had a smart rise during the week and are wanted at \$26 1/2 cash and \$27 1/2 for September.

Kowloon Wharves:—After declining during the early part of the week to \$211, have again risen to a buying rate of \$218 cash and \$222 for October.

Hongkong Docks:—Have also been the medium of a large business at rising prices and, as we go to press, there are buyers at \$192 cash and \$196 for October.

Shanghai Docks:—Continue firm at quotations.

Hongkong Ropes:—Have been more or less neglected during the week.

Hongkong Electric:—Are firm with buyers at \$40.

Hongkong Trans:—After a slight decline, again firmed up and are wanted at \$113 ex dividend of 75 cents.

Bank Trans:—Continue in good demand with few if any sellers.

China Sugars:—After weakening slightly during the early part of the week, close very firm with buyers at \$360 cash and \$370 for October.

China Providents:—Are in more demand and have come to business at \$195 for Old and \$5 for New shares.

China Lights:—Have also firmed up and are wanted at \$16 for Old and \$10 for New shares.

Dairy Farms:—Also had a considerable rise and close firm with buyers at \$281 and more probably would be paid.

Taua Crawfords:—Have risen to a buying rate of \$18, without attracting sellers.

Steamboats:—Had a sensational rise during the last two days and have been done as high as \$48 for October, but close slightly easier with sellers at \$47.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, August 23. Matches played to-day in the First Division of the Scottish League resulted as follows:—

Aberdeen.....0 Rangers.....1
Celtic.....1 Airdrieonians.....1
Hearts.....2 Ayr.....3
Kilmarnock.....0 Hibernians.....3
Motherwell.....3 Morton.....0
Partick.....1 Dundee.....1
Raith.....1 Queen's Park.....1
St. Johnstone.....0 Falkirk.....0
St. Mirren.....0 Hamilton.....0
Third Lanark.....1 Cowdenbeath.....1

TOO MUCH TALK.

COURT CONTEMPT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, August 22. J. R. McDermott charged E. R. Tindall for assault in the U.S. Court this morning. Tindall was discharged. An unbroken string of remarks from the complainant culminated in a fine of \$5 for contempt of Court.

Good For the Whole Family. Mothers always give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, diphtheria, whooping cough, and influenza. It is good for the little ones and grows up to be a good one for every one. It cures no disease, but it cures every cough.

SHAMEEN STRIKE.

A SHANGHAI VIEW.

(Reuter's Service.)

An editorial in the "N. C. D. News" of last Wednesday reads:—

The most serious phase of the Shameen strike, or of any strike, is the period when those in authority have completely lost control of their constituencies and are unable to enforce an agreement for settlement. After that, the strike usually settles down to a question of attrition, to a struggle for time. There can be no further compromise, in the circumstances. It is for one side or the other to give in. Fortunately there has been no great delay in this conclusion being reached, as the latest telegram now shows.

Last week we were informed that terms had been reached and that the strike had been settled. The terms generally were favourable to the Chinese, their "faces" being saved on most issues.

The Chinese merchant of the Shameen and Canton, who has been paying dearly for all the political activity which has settled on his city like a blight, was undoubtedly satisfied with the conditions of the settlement. On only one point did the foreigners hold out, namely, on the dismissal of the Lukun, the police of the Shameen.

The foreigners contend that the Lukun are policemen and are therefore required to abide by the discipline of a policeman, when he strikes, neglects his duty, deserts his post, endangers the city. He does not strike. He deserts. The question has been fought out in other countries and in the highest courts. President Coolidge owes his present position principally to his attitude in the Boston police strike. He used the strongest possible measures to force the deserters back to their duty.

The Chinese, on the other hand, do not recognise these men as police. They call them watchmen. Their very name indicates a watchman. If then they are not police but watchmen, the situation would be quite different. But is this not a quibble over words?

In the 18th century, were not all police called watchmen? Did not the watchman, who walked through the night, crying "All is well," perform a police service? It is this endless quibble over the definition of words, this play for time by mental gymnastics which confuses the masses of the Chinese people and makes it possible for an articulate minority to enforce their will on a people who want nothing but peace and a chance to earn their living undisturbed.

The masses of Canton cannot benefit by this strike. They are faced with economic dangers which are not to be underestimated in this situation. The hinterland of Canton has for almost a decade been disturbed by civil war and the marching to and fro of coolie-armies, mostly of troops foreign to Kuangtung. These armies have destroyed crops, interfered with the transport of goods, robbed the merchants and generally retarded the economic life of the province. Yet, the trade of Canton continued to thrive. It continued because on the little island of Shameen were foreign firms which kept the port open, which took goods in and out of the port, which maintained a financial stability in spite of the irregularities of the fiscal processes of the province. When the Chinese merchants in Canton shut their hongs as a protest against illegal taxation by the military leaders, they knew that the foreign hongs and foreign godowns were keeping trade alive in spite of adverse and oftentimes impossible political conditions. The Chinese hongs profited by these transactions, although it is extremely doubtful whether foreign firms have made any profits in Canton for some years.

It can be no secret that foreign firms have for years regarded Canton as a dying port—after the fashion of Chinkiang. From the premier port of China, it has come down to fifth place, contributing only 6.05 per cent. of the Maritime Customs Revenue for 1923. There has been a slight increase of trade during the past year which must be attributed to the successful operation of the revised import tariff, some HK. Tls. 400,000 over 1922 falling under the heading of import duties. The increase in shipping is also not very important as the gulfers are due to the fact that native cargo is sent by steamer instead of native conveyances to avoid the dangers from the military and exactions of the officials.

It is obvious then that the trade of Canton is dependent, in present circumstances, upon the general movement of goods under foreign protection and the last remnant of stability which the foreign firms and foreign banks afford. It has been anticipated that under the modern régime instituted by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, young men, educated abroad, would develop trading

WATER POLO.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

WINNERS V. SURREYS.

The customary match at Water Polo, between the Garrison League winners and a combined regimental team, was played in the R. A. S. C. Camber on Friday evening.

This year's winners are the 38th Heavy Battery, R. A. (Gnr. Hitchings (Capt.), Bdr. Pulford, Bpr. Mitchell, Gnr. Field) who won all 9 matches and scored the maximum number of points.

The Runners-Up were the White Wing Surreys (Sgt. Bird Capt), Cpl. Humberstone, Cpl. Major, Bdr. Hannon, Dmr. Baker, Pte. Cornwall.

Having tied for second place with the 13th Heavy Battery R.A., an extra match was necessary before a decision was reached.

Friday's Match.

On Friday the League Winners were opposed by a team from the East Surreys. The latter scored the first goal, but when the final whistle sounded, the score was 5-1 in favour of the League Champions.

At the conclusion of the game, Lieut. Colonel Butterworth, (President of the Garrison Recreation Club), before asking the Acting G.O.C., to say a few words on the League, spoke of the excellent game seen that evening.

The Acting G.O.C., Colonel Russell Brown then read out the positions in the League, spoke of the very fine game and said it was certainly one of the best Water Polo games he had ever seen, and so free of foul play. The thanks for the arrangements made and the way in which the League had been run were due to the Hon. Secretary, Garrison Recreation Club, Sgt. Bailey, R.A.M.G. and he also wished to thank S. Sgt. Hunt, M.F.S.G. for his excellent services as referee of the match. He then asked Mrs. Butterworth to present the Cup and Medals to the winners of the League, and medals to the runners up.

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POISON GAS.

LEAGUE'S REPORT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, August 23.

A report on the dangers of chemical warfare, drawn up by the League of Nations sub-Committee, concludes that while poison gas is still a real danger, the risk of wholesale slaughter by means of microbes is unlikely in the near future. This is deduced from detailed statements by leading experts of the world who agree as to the difficulty of spreading microbes and the efficiency of preventive measures. On the other hand, poison gases are still a terrible menace. Thirty were known at the outbreak of war and now one thousand have been discovered. Stress is laid on the general ignorance of the peoples and the possibilities of poison gas warfare against civilians.

It is semi-officially announced that in consequence of an inordinate telegram from Captain Colialexis, of the cruiser "Averof," the entire fleet has been ordered to be disbanded. The crews have been given indefinite leave. It is stated that if Captain Colialexis does not obey the order, severe measures will be taken against him. It appears that Colialexis protested against the decision to reinstate officers who resigned, and hinted that the Government favoured the movement against Captain Hadjikyriakos, a former Minister of Marine in order to facilitate their advent to power.

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GREECE'S FLEET.

TROUBLE AVERTED.

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Rev. J. Whitcomb Broucher, told his congregation the flapper of to-day is "all right." He says if girls want to smoke, let them.



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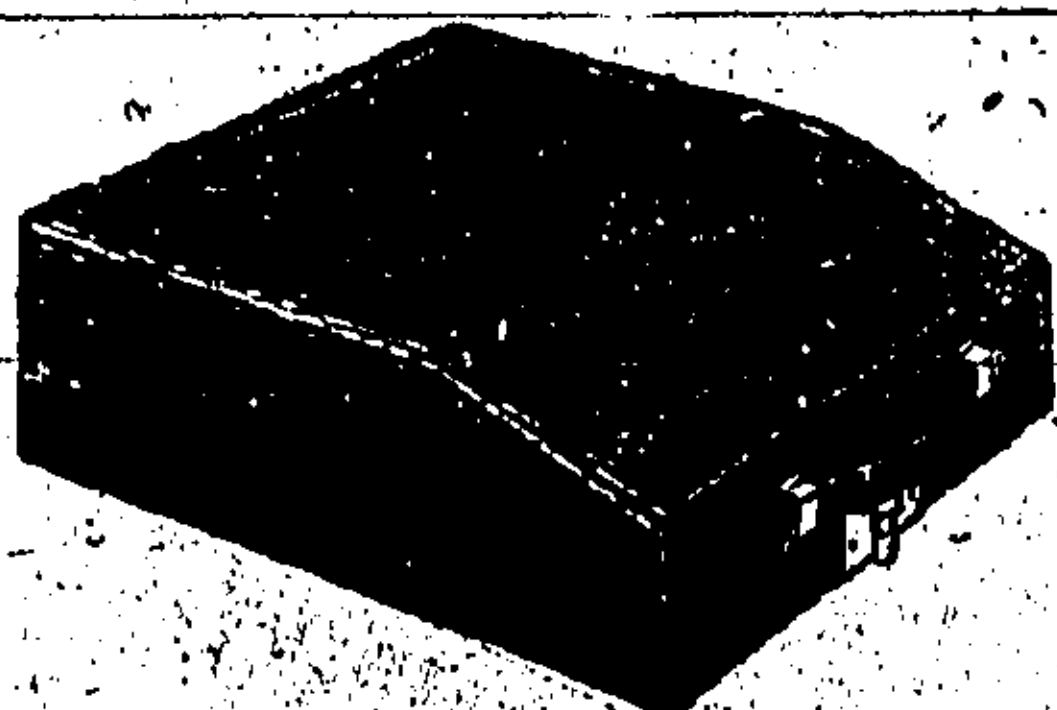
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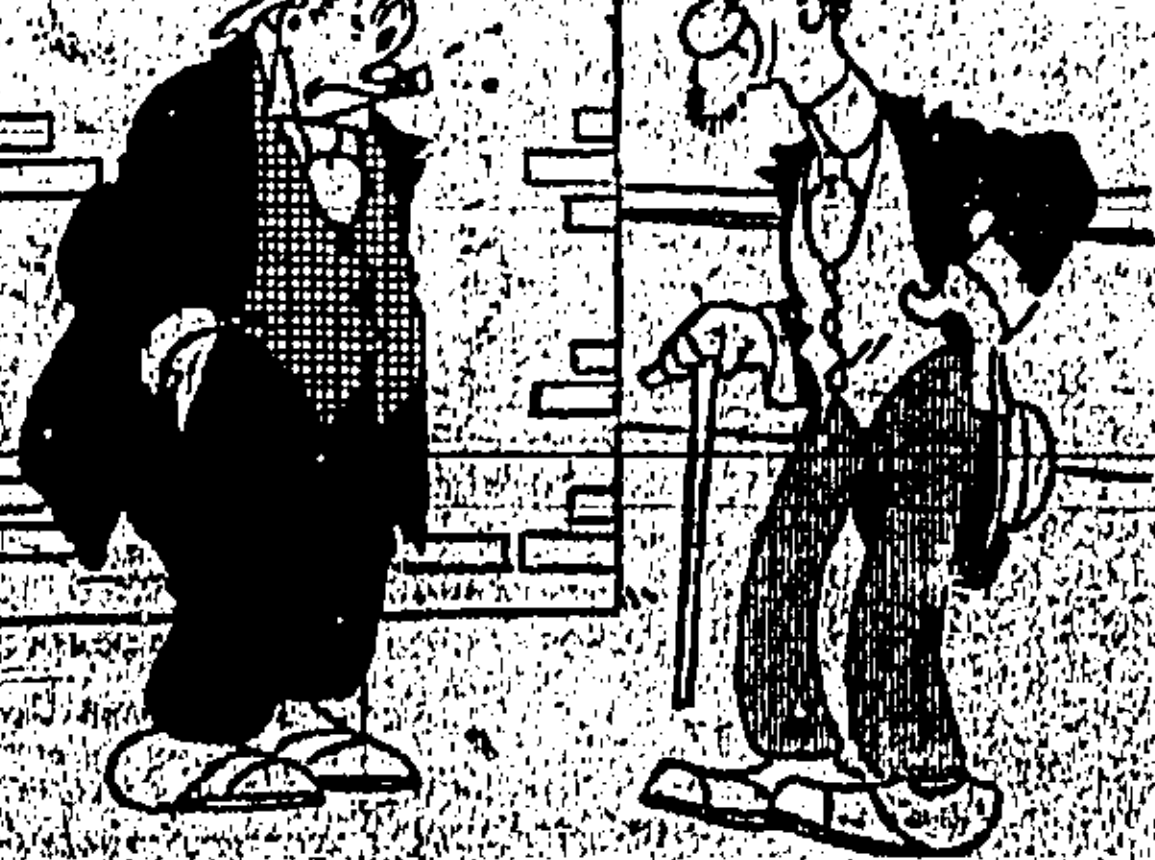
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WEATHER REPORT.

August 25d. 10h. 55m.—Warning to Hongkong, Coast Ports, &c.—A severe typhoon within 60 miles of Lat. 20° N. Long. 107° E., moving W.N.W.

August 25d. 11h. 10m.—Pressure has decreased considerably at Pulu and at Kuchi. Changes are slight at other reporting stations.

At 6 a.m., this morning the typhoon was near Lat. 20° N. and Long. 107° E., moving towards Haiphong. A depression has formed over S.W. Japan and a feeble anticyclone is central midway between Guam and the Loochoos.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 0.30 inch. Total since January 1st, 82.21 inches, against an average of 63.67 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on August 25, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, Light, variable winds.
2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, S. E. winds, moderate.
3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, S. E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, S. E. winds, strong, moderating.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

AUGUST 25, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force.	Weather.
Vladivostok	8a.	29.84	69	—	SE	0	o
Yokohama	8a.	29.81	—	—	SE	4	o
Osaka	8a.	29.90	—	—	SE	1	o
Kobe	8a.	29.92	—	—	SE	1	o
Kioto	8a.	29.93	—	—	SE	1	o
Wagasaki	8a.	29.95	—	—	SE	1	o
Yokohama	8a.	29.75	—	—	SE	2	o
Osaka	8a.	29.73	—	—	SE	1	o
Kobe	8a.	29.83	—	—	SE	2	o
Kioto	8a.	29.88	—	—	SE	2	o
Wagasaki	8a.	29.88	—	—	SE	2	o
Yokohama	8a.	29.88	—	—	SE	2	o
Osaka	8a.	29.88	—	—	SE	2	o
Kobe	8a.	29.88	—	—	SE	2	o
Kioto	8a.	29.88	—	—	SE	2	o
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